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## FONDAZIONE ASCOLI.

To the Editors of *Mod. Lang. Notes*.

SIRS:—Some of your readers will be interested to learn that through the initiative of the Società Filologica Romana a fund is being raised in memory of the late Graziadio Ascoli, from which prizes are to be awarded periodically to the authors of works in Romance philology or in some branch of it. It is proposed to have the contest international, and accordingly it is hoped that contributions will be made by persons or societies in all countries. The latest report which I have seen (*Studj Romanzi*, v, pp. 323–325), gives the amount already received as a little less than 5000 lire, much of this sum being in small contributions. The subscription will be closed March 31, 1908; and until that date contributions may be sent to the *Banca d' Italia, sede di Roma*, payable to the bank itself, to be credited to the account of the *Fondazione Ascoli*.

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## ANGLO-SAXON GLOSSES.

To the Editors of *Mod. Lang. Notes*.

SIRS:—Following my lead, Glogger has established beyond a doubt that *Gildas de excidio Britannorum* (composed before 547) is one of the sources of the Leiden Glossary. I expect to be able to show that a goodly number of Gildas glosses are also to be found in the Corpus Glossary and in the Glossary from MS. Cotton, Cleopatra A III (*WW*. 338–473). I am less certain as to Epinal and Erfurt, though some glosses might be claimed for Gildas, as, for example, Erf. 389, *epimenia nest*.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

Germanic Philology has been deprived of one of its leaders and many scholars and students of Modern Languages have lost a personal friend by the death on January 29, after hardly more than a few hours of illness, of GUSTAF E. KARSTEN, Professor of German and Head of the Department of Modern Languages at the

University of Illinois. Professor Karsten was taken ill while in his office on Tuesday afternoon, January 28, his illness developing into pneumonia, and he passed away at his home the next morning, being survived by his wife and two sons.

Professor Karsten was born in Petershagenfeld, Westprussia, Germany, on May 22, 1859. He attended the universities of Leipzig, Königsberg, Heidelberg, Tübingen, and finally Freiburg, where he received the degree of Ph. D. in 1883. His first appointment was that of Docent of Germanic and Romance Philology at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, which position he held until 1886, when he was called to the University of Indiana as Professor of Romance, and later, of Germanic Languages. Leaving the University of Indiana in 1904, he became connected with Cornell University and afterwards, with Northwestern University, from which institution he was called to the University of Illinois in September, 1906.

Professor Karsten's first contribution to the philological study of Modern Languages was a monograph, published in 1885: *Zu den altfranzösischen Konsonantenverbindungen*. While at this time chiefly engaged in research work in Romance Languages, he later on concentrated his interest rather on the Germanic side of Modern Languages, laying especial stress on the earlier Germanic dialects and on Germanic Philology in its relations with comparative and general linguistic science. It is in connection with this line of work that he established in 1896 the *Journal of Germanic Philology*, which in 1903 widened its scope and changed its title to the *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*. The six stately volumes of the *Journal*, the last of which was finished only a few months ago, will stand as a *monumentum aere perennius* to the editor whose enthusiasm and untiring energy succeeded in overcoming all difficulties and in maintaining a high standard of scholarship.

In just recognition of his services to the cause of Germanic Philology he was made chairman of the Section of Germanic Languages at the Congress of Arts and Sciences, held in connection with the Universal Exhibition at St. Louis.

His career has been abruptly broken off when he was in the prime of his age and most happily situated. His memory will be sacred to us as that of a scholar of high ideals, a teacher of great merits, and a genial friend.